President.—Never mind. Let us follow what is done in Mysore, in Pudukkotta, and in Travancore. I don't know, why I should be shut out, and why I should sit here for nothing at all. You better put your supplementary questions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—We want the President in the Council.

President.—But, along with the President, there is also the Diwan. There is that dual capacity in me.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Hear, Hear.

The number of people in Government service on Rs. 25 and above.

3. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of people in Government service drawing Rs. 25 and above;

(b) how many of them are caste-Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians, Muhammadans and Jews; and

(c) how many of them are from the villages included in the Kunnamkulam Constituency?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

1,707

(b)	Caste-Hindus	1,344
	Non-caste Hindus	48
	Christians	296
	Muhammadans	18
	Jews	1

(c) 52, so far as it could be ascertained.

List of officers confirmed in Government service after the last Budget Session.

4. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of officers with their full names, salaries and the names of the departments to which they belong, who had been confirmed in the Government service, after the budget session of the Legislative Council, when a promise was held out that a Retrenchment Committee would be appointed by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The list is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know, through you, Sir, when the Special Finance Committee was considering retrenchments, what was the necessity to confirm all these officers —a long list—before the deliberations of the Committee have been concluded?

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President.—Do you expect an answer from *me*, Mr. Kunjunni Raja? The Government could not afford to wait for the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to understand from that that the recommendations of the Committee are not taken very seriously?

President.—They are. They will be, when the recommendations come.

Certain journeys performed by the Chief Engineer, Conservator of Forests and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

5. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**— Will the Government be pleased to state the purposes, the destination and the dates of the various journeys outside the State, undertaken by the Chief Engineer, the Conservator of Forests and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and the amount of travelling allowances drawn on each occasion in the year 1101?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement of the journeys outside the State undertaken by the Chief Engineer and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101 is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*) No such journeys were undertaken by the Conservator of Forests in 1101.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I find the Chief Engineer has travelled to Trivandrum and back on 26th Vrischigam 1101 to 29th Vrischigam 1101 and has drawn a travelling allowance of Rs. 20. The purpose of the journey is stated to be "under Command of His Highness the Maharaja". It is not a purpose. He might have proceeded under Command of His Highness the Maharaja or under the orders of the Diwan. I want to know what was the purpose of the journey.

President.—When it is a journey performed under command of His Highness the Maharaja, the purpose is not enquired into.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to understand that it is confidential?

President.—Not confidential. His Highness is at liberty to issue commands to an officer to perform any journey His Highness considers proper, and you have no right to question that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then, with regard to the visit of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese to the Leper Asylum at Chingleput. The opening of a Leper Asylum at Anappara was decided on long ago, and Government must have had suffi-

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